



# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday & Monday, 9:30 am/6:00 pm, February 20th & 21st, 2022

7th Sunday after  
Epiphany

Welcome to  
worship! Please  
complete a  
Connection Card  
and place the card  
in the offering plate.  
Thank you!

Mercy. Mercy. Mer-  
cy. Joseph lives it in  
Egypt. Jesus preach-  
es it in the gospel.  
The Spirit guides us  
into merciful lives  
with the power of  
forgiveness to rec-  
oncile what is frac-  
tured and divided.  
Such merciful living  
is the baptismal  
blessing of having  
put on Christ. It is  
the gift of the life-  
giving Spirit. It is a  
reflection of God's  
glory revealed in  
Christ.

Many years after  
being sold into slav-  
ery by his jealous  
brothers, Joseph  
reveals himself to  
them. Now the sec-  
ond-in-command in  
Egypt, Joseph reas-  
sures his brothers  
that God has used  
their evil intentions  
for good to preserve  
life during a devas-  
tating famine, and  
Joseph forgives  
them.

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.  
**Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news: In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**

### GATHERING SONG *God, When Human Bonds Are Broken* (st.1,2,5) #603

### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Jesus, **make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Genesis 45: 3-11, 15

<sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

<sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and

say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup>You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’” <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 37: 1-11, 39-40

<sup>1</sup>Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

**<sup>2</sup>For they shall soon wither like the grass,  
and like the green grass fade away.**

<sup>3</sup>Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

**<sup>4</sup>Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart’s desire.**

<sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the LORD;

put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.

**<sup>6</sup>The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light  
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

<sup>7</sup>Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers,  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

**<sup>8</sup>Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked;  
it leads only to evil.**

<sup>9</sup>For evildoers shall be cut off,

but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

**<sup>10</sup>In a little while the wicked shall be no more;  
even if you search out their place, they will not be there.**

<sup>11</sup>But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.

**<sup>39</sup>But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O LORD;  
you are their stronghold in time of trouble.**

<sup>40</sup>You, O LORD, will help them and rescue them;

you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,

because in you they seek refuge.

### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50

<sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” <sup>36</sup>Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

<sup>42</sup>So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup>It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup>It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup>Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup>But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup>The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup>As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup>Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. <sup>50</sup>What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

*The lowly shall  
possess the  
land; they will  
delight in abun-  
dance of  
peace.  
(Ps. 37:11)*

*In the Apostles’  
Creed, we  
speak of the  
“resurrection of  
the body, and  
the life ever-  
lasting.” Using  
the metaphor  
of a planted  
seed and the  
story of Adam,  
Paul preaches  
passionately  
about the mys-  
tery of follow-  
ing Christ’s per-  
fect life into  
eternity.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia. Love your enemies, and you will be children of the Most High; forgive, and you will be forgiven. Alleluia. (Luke 6:35, 37)*

## GOSPEL: Luke 6: 27-38

The holy gospel according to...

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>27</sup>“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you. <sup>32</sup>“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. <sup>37</sup>“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*Pastor Steve Solberg*

## SONG

*Oh, Praise the Gracious Power (st. 1,5,6,7)*

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## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

You teach us to love our neighbors and enemies alike. Encourage your church to follow the leading of your love, especially when it is risky or difficult. Help us to show mercy just as we have first received mercy. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Nurture fields that lie dormant, resting until it is time to bloom again. Bless farmers and all who cultivate fields and urban gardens. Give favorable weather for planting. Bring forth from buried seed an abundant harvest, and guard against famine and disease. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Look upon our world with mercy, that we delight in an abundance of peace. Protect all whose lives are marred by war and civil unrest. Release political prisoners and amplify the voices that challenge us to seek forgiveness and pursue nonviolence. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.*

*Renew our lives that we may welcome and care for one another and that we may live and serve within the greater community of Negaunee and the world, witnessing to others your abundant love, grace, and welcome.*

Your people cry out for mercy. Console hearts that long for forgiveness. Mend broken relationships. Heal bodies that suffer chronic pain or illness. Strengthen and deliver all whose spirits are troubled. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You bind us together into one family. Teach us to forgive one another and to resolve conflicts with humility and patience. Bless families of all shapes and sizes, and show love to those who are lonely or grieving. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We praise you for the saints who have inherited the fullness of your kingdom. As you have raised them to imperishable and eternal life, sustain us in faith by the promise of resurrection. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

### **SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*All baptized  
Christians who  
believe this  
true presence  
are welcome  
and encour-  
aged to receive  
Holy  
Communion  
today.  
Please assist  
your child(ren)  
if you wish  
them com-  
muned.*

*Parents,  
We believe that  
the true body  
and blood of  
Jesus Christ is  
in/with/under  
the bread  
and wine.*

## **MEAL**

### **OFFERING**

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. **You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.**

**Amen.**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

**Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF, February 20-27, 2022

\* **LENT BEGINS** On March 2, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. In cooperation with Yombo Parish and Pastor Michael Locko, we will focus on “fasting” (Matthew 6:16-18) during our Lenten mid-week services. Immanuel’s approach will be “Fasting: Disrupting the Ordinary to Gain the Extraordinary” and include: **a)** What Reward Fasting?; **b)** Fasting from Worry; **c)** Fasting from Anger & Hatred; **d)** Fasting from Judgements; **e)** Fasting from Forgetting; and **f)** Fasting from Being Your Own Savior.

\* **IMPOSITION OF ASHES** On March 2, Ash Wednesday worship with imposition of ashes and Holy Communion starts at 6:30 pm and will be both in person and live streamed.

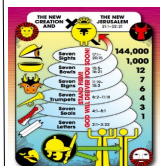
\* **LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS** On March 9 and each following Wednesday in Lent, our Soup Suppers begin. Come for our soup supper at 5:30 pm, followed by a ½-hour service at 6:15 pm.

\* **MEN’S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFASTS** ... begin on Saturday, March 5th, at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall and will meet every Saturday throughout Lent. The breakfast starts at 8:30 am followed by a discussion of Sunday’s readings and any topic that you may want to share. The meeting ends at 9:30 am. For more information, please call Walter Scanlon @ 906-235-2294. All of you men are welcome and Walter hopes to see you there!

\* **REVELATION STUDY**... continues on Thursdays at 6:00 PM both in person (fellowship hall) and online (church website). No RSVP is necessary. Just bring your Bible. Pastor Steve will provide study materials in downloadable and printed form. Explore this strange and wonderful final book of the New Testament that is best understood as a series of seven broad cycles each beginning either with the life of Christ or the beginning of the Christian Church and completed by the coming of Christ for judgment of the world.

\* **CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY: A HARD-COPY OF OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY IS AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH!** You can also view it online or via the FREE mobile app. Printed copies are available on the upper level resource table and at the front entrance. To view the directory online, go to [members.instantchurchdirectory.com](https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com) and follow the prompts under “Sign In” to “Create a login now.” Use your email address that you included in your directory submission and confirm it following the instructions. If you did not submit an email for directory use, you won’t be able to access the directory online. There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for “Instant Church Directory” to get the download. The same login protocol as above applies to the app. Need help or have questions? Please contact the church office: (906) 475-9161.

\* **GIVING YOUR OFFERINGS:** Thank you for continuing to financially support our on-going congregational mission. **NOTE:** The GivePlus Mobile App will be phased out by April 30th. After that date, GivePlus Mobile app will no longer be supported. In its place, you may download the [VANCO Mobile app](#). VANCO Mobile is a free app and offers a better user experience with easy giving options, including giving to special funds. Here are the steps to follow: 1) **Search for Our Church** - Enter our church’s name or use the invite code and click SEARCH. Then, select our church. 2) **Select Your Fund and Amount** - Select your fund and donation frequency, then select your payment method. 3) **Enter Payment Method** - Select a payment method and enter your credit card, debit card, or bank account information. You can save this payment method for future donations. 4) **Choose to Cover Processing Fees** - You can choose to cover the donation processing fees by adding a small amount on top of your gift. Click the button to opt in. 5) **Complete Your donation** - Review and complete your gift by clicking SUBMIT. If giving online through Immanuel’s website, there is no change.





**\*SUNDAY SCHOOL:** If you are interested in Sunday School for your child(ren), there is always open enrollment for toddlers through Grade 5. The class meets at 9:15 am and classes start at 9:30 am. Go to the Facebook page for updated information, or you can always call the office at (906-475-9161). Bring your child(ren) to worship with us.



**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Pray For:** *Nancy Burton, Pat DeWitt, Dan Hendrickson, Pete Hicks, Billy Jo Kaufman, Peggy Jackson, Betty Kinnunen, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Wendy Niemi, Elaine Ojala, Arianna Paananen, Don & Vera Palomaki, Joyce Peterson, Jessica Roberts, Linda Sjolund, Richard Toyra, and all COVID patients.*

**Our Shut-ins:** *Bettie Ahola, Rudy Gagnon, Charlene Kivisto, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Leo Nirva, Mary Parkkonen, Janet Penhale, Butch Pynnonen, Lillian Rivers, Paul Smith, Lynne Tossava.*

**Members in the Armed Service:** *Luke DeWitt, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Dennis Koski, Jacque Kurian, Tanner Romback, Trevor Romback, Michael Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, Jason Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.*

**VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN SERVICE**

**SERVING IN WORSHIP:** *Pastor Steve Solberg*

**ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN:** *Connie Scanlon*

**Worship Services:** Sun. @ 9:30 am / Mon. @ 6 pm

**Office Hours:** 8 am-2 pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)

**ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:**

9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS – *Jim & Linda Derocher*

6 pm USHERS/GREETERS – *Ron & Cheryl Ulvila*

9:30 am LECTOR – *Luanne Skrenes*

6 pm LECTOR – *Kay Korpi*

9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S – *Jim Hayward*

6 pm COMM. ASST.'S – *Kay Korpi*

9:30 am Tech Team – *Tyler Moore*

6 pm Tech Team – *Need Volunteer(s)*





## **FEBRUARY'S MONTHLY MISSION**

**FEBRUARY'S MONTHLY MISSION EMPHASIS ... our Mission Emphasis for the month of February is Messiah Lutheran Church Asylum Refugee Support.**

Messiah Lutheran Church in Marquette is sponsoring a refugee family from Honduras in Central America seeking asylum in this country. The mother and two boys left Honduras over two years ago and spent two years at the Mexican border waiting for permission to enter this country. The family arrived in Marquette in August. The boys are in school and all are learning English. There are some long term medical issues that are being resolved. Asylum has not been granted yet, but the process continues slowly and legally.

Thank you to Messiah for their continued financial and emotional support of this family. We are here to help you and the family with this undertaking.

If you wish to give above-and-beyond to this mission, please use February's mission emphasis envelope from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift.

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Thank you for giving \$1,415.00 in January to  
*Our Tanzanian Companion Ministry Relationships.*  
The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**February 20, 2022 - February 27, 2022**

***YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT...***  
***[www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org](http://www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org)***

- Sunday**      ***7th Sunday After Epiphany***  
- 9:30 am    - Sunday School  
- 9:30 am    - Worship Service  
- 10:30 am   - Coffee & Fellowship  
- 7:30 pm    - AA Group Meets (men & women)
- Monday**      - 6:00 pm    - Worship Service  
- 7:00 pm    - Confirmation Class
- Tuesday**     - 10:30 am   - Pericope here at Immanuel
- Wednesday**   - 10:00 am   - Bible Study (in-person and on Zoom)  
- 6:00 pm    - Choir Practice
- Thursday**     - 10:00 am   - Quilting  
- 6:00 pm    - *Revelation* Bible Study (in-person and on Zoom)
- Friday**        **OFFICE CLOSED**  
- 10:00 am   - Women's AA Group Meets
- Sunday**      ***8th Sunday After Epiphany***  
- 9:30 am    - Sunday School  
- 9:30 am    - Worship Service  
- 10:30 am   - Coffee & Fellowship  
- 7:30 pm    - AA Group Meets (men & women)